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TEN CENTS A WEEK

"INSURGENTS" HAVE BROKEN WITH PARTY

Republican Party Awakens to Realization of Losses on Account of Cannon Fight.

WASHINGTON, March 17.—The Republican party has suddenly awakened to a realization of irreparable losses as a result of its fight over Cannon and the House rules. The dissension today existing in the ranks is of such serious proportions in the opinion of many as to practically insure a Democratic majority for the next Congress.

The "insurgents" of the Republican party have said "good-bye" to the "standpatters" for all time. This may be put down as final and authentic. Indications are the split in the National Republican situation will be very similar to that in the Iowa State Republican party. It is not unlikely that within the next year or two there will grow out of the present insurgent forces a national "progressive" party.

Today the insurgent band numbers less than thirty. Its strength is insignificant; but the sentiment of the Republican voters is with the insurgents, according to all indications, because they fought Cannon and the rules.

That the regular organization is in utter disrepute with a large percentage of Republican voters cannot be denied. The party has put its "O K." in large, black letters on Speaker Cannon and the oligarchy that he works with. It refused to see the handwriting on the wall, and must take the consequences.

Work toward organizing the various "insurgent" forces in various parts of the country will begin at once, in order that all available strength will be in working order for use in the next Congressional elections, in 1911. The work will be done very quietly, and in all probability without making any general announcements that would tend to attract the attention of the "standpatters." The insurgents plan to build up organizations in the Central and Western States first, and to lie low until it comes time to nominate candidates, and then give the Cannon-Payne-Aldrich-Dalzell crowd the surprise of their lives.

The LaFollette organization in Wisconsin will co-operate with the Cummins forces of Iowa, and Victor Murdock, the insurgent leader of Kansas, will join with his following and even Gardner of Massachusetts may "come through" with a little "progressive" machine. With the Republicans thus divided the Democrats hope to "bring home the bacon."

"The Republican party practically

signed its death warrant at the opening of Congress on March 15 when it retained Cannon as speaker in open defiance of an overwhelming public opinion," declared Representative Dorsey W. Shackelford of Missouri. "Cannonism is to be the coming issue. Cannon is a weight on the Republican organization that will bear it down in defeat. Taft has branded himself a Cannon man, and Cannon's importance to the Republican organization has been made perfectly plain to the country. A vote for the Republican party is a vote for Cannon."

"The first effect of the Republican party's endorsement of Speaker Cannon will be seen in the Congressional elections of 1911. Those elections will send an increased number of Democrats and insurgents to the House of Representatives. That is as certain as anything can be. As for the 'standpat' Republican party its death-knell has been sounded. I don't mean it is going to die a sudden death, or suddenly disappeared from the face of the earth, but its power is bound to slowly decrease as the 'insurgents' or 'progressives' expand."

The position of the majority of the Democrats toward those members who bolted on the opening day of Congress, preventing a real change in the rules, which was within the grasp of the insurgent-Democratic forces, is that it followed a coalition between Tammany and the Cannon clique.

"If the Democrats that left our ranks on that day are defeated for re-election it would serve them right," said a prominent Democrat on the evening of the vote, while still "hot under the collar" over the matter. "But so far as laying the blame on the Democratic membership of the House for the defeat of the movement to secure revision of the rules—it is nonsensical. The body of the Democrats not only voted against Cannon, but with the insurgents. The Republican party is really alone to blame for the present Speaker and the present rules. The majority is Republican, and can change the rules any day it sees fit. Let the Democratic party have a majority in the House, and see how quick the appointment of committees is transferred from the Speaker to the House."

The co-operating of the insurgents and Democrats resulted in some reforms being secured in the rules, but they are not of great importance.

UPRISING AGAINST CUBAN GOVERNMENT

BELIEVED TO BE RESULT OF WIDESPREAD CONSPIRACY.

Several Rural Guardsmen and a Number of Peasants Take to the Woods.

HAVANA, March 17.—The first armed uprising against the new Cuban government occurred Tuesday night, within a little more than six weeks after the inauguration of General Gomez as President. How serious the movement is it is impossible to determine at present, all that is known being that a sergeant of the rural guard, stationed at the town of Vueltas, in Santa Clara province, with a party of seven men, some other members of the rural guard and a number of peasants took to the woods and that the troops are in active pursuit.

While the movement apparently is unimportant numerically, all indications point to the fact that it is a part of a widespread conspiracy, the nature of which is indicated by a dispatch received here which stated that a special train carrying a detachment of the rural guard under command of Major-General Monteaugade was proceeding as quickly as possible for Vueltas.

President Gomez declared his intention of instantly suppressing the rising and making an example of all concerned. He ordered the rapid concentration of troops in the vicinity of Vueltas for the purpose of surrounding the fugitives. Orders were issued to the troops to make no prisoners if they encountered resistance and not to cease the pursuing until all had been killed or captured.

Later it was learned that a conspiracy had been unearthed in which the rural guard was implicated.

BONNIE MELROSE.

MELROSE, March 17.—The young men of Melrose gave a very enjoyable fishery to the young ladies on Friday night. A very pretty place on the lake shore was selected, nicely cleared up and provided with seats. Besides the fish all kinds of other good things to eat had been provided and the twenty-five guests present pronounced it a great success.

Newly registered at the Huffman House are Mrs. L. P. DuPont and Miss L. DuPont, Jacksonville; Mrs. Lyon and Miss C. Lyon, San Antonio, Tex.; Rev. C. B. Hedrick, Starke, and W. F. H. Tupper, New York City.

C. A. Richardson, Pittsburg, Pa., is the guest of A. J. McGregor. It is his first trip to Melrose and he expresses himself very much pleased with the town and may locate here.

Another very pleasant birthday party in the shape of a picnic at Parish Hammock was given on Saturday, the guest of honor being Miss Dorothy Waters, whose eighth birthday it was. The young lady was the recipient of a number of dolls and other pretty gifts. At the lunch table the beautifully decorated birthday cake, which had come all the way from Slippery Rock, Pa., was much admired, and it was good as it looked. About thirty-five were present at this festive occasion.

The many friends of A. A. McRae will be sorry to hear that he has been quite ill for the past few days.

Col. and Mrs. F. Tolles and Mr. and Mrs. H. Tolles entertained some forty of their friends at the Ladies' Hall on Tuesday night. The songs and recitations of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Pearsall and Mr. J. A. Rummel added much to the enjoyment of the occasion. Dainty refreshments were served during the evening.

Some article that is simply "in the way" at your house might, if advertised, be sold to someone who is anxiously looking for it.

PRESIDENT TAFT SAYS GET BUSY ON TARIFF

Recalls Recommendation of Inaugural Address and Advises Speedy Action.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 17.—President Taft's message was received by the Senate and House yesterday with demonstrations in both bodies. The message was as follows:

"To the Senate and House of Representatives:

"I have convened the Congress in this extra session in order to enable it to give immediate consideration to the revision of the Dingley tariff act. Conditions affecting production, manufacture and business generally have so changed in the last twelve years as to require a readjustment and revision of the import duties imposed by that act. More than this, the present tariff act, with the other sources of Government revenue, does not furnish income enough to pay the authorized expenditures. By July 1, next, the excess of expenses over receipts for the current fiscal year will equal \$100,000,000.

Pledged to Tariff Revision.

"The successful party in the late election is pledged to a revision of the tariff. The country and the business community especially expect it. The prospect of a change in the rates of import duties always causes a suspension or halt in business because of the uncertainty as to the changes to be made and their effect. It is, therefore, of the highest importance that the new bill should be agreed upon and passed with as much speed as possible consistent with its due and thorough consideration. For this reason I have deemed the present to be

an extraordinary occasion, within the meaning of the constitution, justifying and requiring the calling of an extra session.

"In my inaugural address I stated in a summary way, the principles upon which, in my judgment, the revision of the tariff should proceed and indicated at least one new source of revenue that might be properly resorted to in order to avoid a future deficit. It is not necessary for me to repeat what I then said.

"I venture to suggest that the vital business interests of the country require that the attention of the Congress in this session be chiefly devoted to the consideration of the new tariff bill and that the less time given to other subjects for legislation in this session, the better for the country.

(Signed) "WILLIAM H. TAFT."

"The White House, March 16, 1909." The message received careful attention on the part of Senators, many of whom laughed when the President's suggestion that no legislation except in relation to the tariff be considered at this session was read.

A motion by Senator Hale providing for an adjournment yesterday until Friday was adopted and the Senate adjourned.

Immediately after leaving the Senate Secretary Latta, who had conveyed the message to the Senate, proceeded to the House, where the message was read. Upon conclusion of the reading the Republicans broke out into loud and prolonged applause. The message was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

HOST KILLS GUEST OF HONOR.

Merrymaking Turns Into Tragedy by Accident.

PENSACOLA, Fla., March 17.—In the midst of merrymaking A. B. Gebhardt shot and killed John Waxwell here shortly after midnight yesterday morning. Gebhardt was host at an entertainment given in Waxwell's honor. The shooting was accidental and was due to Gebhardt giving an imitation of how he would defend himself from the attack of a highwayman. Gebhardt surrendered.

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BACK TO THREE-CENT RATE.

Missouri Railroads Take Advantage of Decision.

CHICAGO, March 17.—The resumption of a three-cent passenger rate in Missouri to replace the present two-cent rate declared confiscatory by Judge McPherson, was decided on at a meeting of executive and traffic officers of the inland roads. The action of the conference was unanimous.

If you have lost or found anything do not fail to keep your eye on the classified advertising column. Let a want ad. negotiate a trade for you—of something you don't need for something you do.

With Blanket Around His Body Man Applies Match

PENSACOLA, March 17.—Tying a handkerchief so tightly about his neck that it shut off every utterance that he might make and then throwing a cotton blanket about him to which he applied a match, was the unique manner in which Salvador Vincente, an Italian who killed Robert Laird on the naval reservation two months ago, adopted to commit suicide. According to physicians his method will prove successful, for he has but little chance of recovery from the burns. The Italian was confined in the county jail as a United States prisoner, and had made several unsuccessful attempts at suicide since his confinement. Tuesday night when the prisoners had all gone to bed he proceeded to commit suicide. It was not known as the man made no outcry when the

flames reached the flesh, but the prisoners smelled smoke, and then they heard a body strike the floor. The jailer was aroused, and when Vincente's cell was reached it was seen that his blanket was in flames. It was not until the jailer reached the cell of the Italian that he discovered that it covered the body of the man. He then attempted to untie the handkerchief, but could not do so, and was compelled to cut it with a knife. The Italian, almost in a dying condition, told the sheriff that every night since his imprisonment he had been praying for the young man whom he had killed. The killing of Laird was, according to spectators, very cold-blooded, the Italian shooting him five times as he stood with a number of friends on a street corner.

Cannon Is Hissed Upon Naming of Committees

WASHINGTON, March 17.—The second day's session of the House of Representatives of the Sixty-first Congress found the members in a much calmer mood. The drawing for seats was the first business.

A storm of laughter at the expense of Mr. Clark (Missouri) was created when he suggested that the Democrats who were forced to occupy the so-called Cherokee strip to the extreme right of the Speaker be allowed to choose seats in the last tier and not be compelled to "mix-up" with the Republicans. In view of the alliance of the Republican insurgents and the Democrats on the question of modifying the rules, the humor of the suggestion became at once apparent, but it nevertheless prevailed.

Speaker Cannon announced the following committees:

Rules—The Speaker, Dalzell (Pennsylvania); Smith (Iowa); Clark (Missouri); Fitzgerald (New York). Committee on Ways and Means—Payne (New York); Dalzell (Pennsylvania); McCall (Massachusetts); Hill (Connecticut); Boutell (Illinois); Needham (California); Calderhead (Kansas); Fordney (Michigan); Gaines (West Va.); Cushman (Washington); Longworth (Ohio); Crumpacker (Indiana); Clark (Missouri); Harrison (New York); Brown (Louisiana); Underwood (Alabama); Griggs (Georgia); Post (North Carolina); Randall (Texas).

Hisses from the Democratic side greeted the announcements, which the Speaker each time squelched by sharply bringing down his gavel.

At 3:04 o'clock the House adjourned.

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